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EAST TIMORESE GATHER PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT - AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SPEAKS OUT!

Australian Government Member of Parliament Mr. Garrie Gibson (Member for Moreton in Queensland) has recently spoken out strongly in support of the East Timorese People.

Recent media reports tell that Mr. Gibson told the Australian Parliament that Indonesia should suffer economic sanctions and suspension from the United Nations!

Mr. Gibson hit out at the Australian Government for failing to "take on" the Indonesian Government on human rights issues.

He said tough action was needed in response to Indonesia's imposition of a life sentence on East Timorese Resistance leader Xanana Gusmao and the continuing abuse of human rights, torture and summary execution perpetrated by Indonesian Authorities.

"I have constantly been advised that our positive relationship with the Indonesian Government enables us to have some influence over their actions and activities on human rights issues," Mr. Gibson stated.

"I am afraid I have seen little evidence of the truth of this claim".

Mr. Gibson said he believed that the Indonesian Authorities treated Australia's protests and pleadings with contempt and ridicule!

The Timorese Democratic Union wishes to extend our thanks to Mr. Garrie Gibson for his support for the East Timorese People.

We believe that the foreign policy of the Australian Government needs to be reviewed.

The Timorese Democratic Union feels sure that if a motion was raised in the House of Representatives in the Australian Parliament supporting the issue of self determination for the East Timorese People, that Mr. Garrie Gibson would vote for this motion.

VIVA XANANA GUSMAO! VIVA TIMOR LESTE!

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